

# Daily Eagle

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## TRIBUTARY TO US?

### Kansas City Whistling to Keep up Her Courage!

The Editor of the Kansas City Times Unloads for the Deflection of St. Louis Through the Post-Dispatch.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Dr. Morrison Munford, editor of the Kansas City Times, talked about that expurgated edition of Chicago this morning at the Southern. "When Mr. Gould was in Kansas City he said to me that in fifty years our city would be bigger than either St. Louis or Chicago will be then."

"Do you believe that?"

"Most certainly I do. We will catch up with St. Louis in ten years. The signs are all in our favor. The boom in real estate continues, the sales amounting to a million a week. Then we are getting three new lines of railway, the Kansas City, Wyandotte and Northwestern, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and the St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado. Besides these the St. Louis and San Francisco is talking of building a branch to Kansas City, and the Missouri Pacific is building a branch from Paola."

"Why should Kansas City continue to grow and surpass St. Louis?"

"Because it has all the west tributary to it."

"It cuts off western trade that formerly came to St. Louis?"

"Yes."

"Why couldn't some other city lying further to the west cut off this trade from Kansas City?"

"None of them can do it. Denver and Pueblo had their little booms and then relapsed. Wichita has made quite a spurt of late, but it cannot become a rival of Kansas City. The fight was once to establish what should be the metropolis of the Missouri valley, and that having been settled on Kansas City, trade and railway lines focus at that point."

"Could in a recent interview said something very favorable to Wichita?"

"Yes, that was on account of his friendship for Marsh Murdock of the EAGLE. That was what Senator Plumb told me. Murdock helped Gould to get terminal and other facilities, and he wants to help Wichita. But even with the little help he will give Wichita will never be a considerable rival of Kansas City. It will remain like those other Kansas cities, tributary to us."

Now read this!

For fifteen or twenty years all of the great trunk lines of railway reaching southwest from Chicago, and west from St. Louis, and east from the Rocky mountains, save one, have centered and terminated at Kansas City. Inevitably the entire products of Kansas, of Colorado, of New Mexico and largely of Nebraska and Missouri have been poured into the yards, into the warehouses, the pens, elevators, and commercial institutions located at Kansas City and about the mouth of the Kaw. The result was a town which in the magnitude of its trade, growth and money power overshadowed all of the older towns of Kansas which were clustered about within the radius of a hundred miles of that point. This concentration of railway influences, and of traffic and consequent life and capital, squeezed the energy and the hope out of Kansas towns which twenty years ago were big with promise, and even prostrated to a noticeable degree the richest and the oldest commercial city in the west, namely, St. Joseph, Missouri. It had come to that point that the people of the old and once flourishing towns and cities of Kansas were furnished with everything by and from Kansas City, including the local news of their own towns through Kansas City's papers. Even St. Louis with her foundation of a hundred years and her hundreds of millions of carefully secured and abundantly protecting capital, commenced to feel the results of the wonderful advantages held and enjoyed by the town at the confluence of the Kaw and Missouri valleys.

Now let Dr. Munford and the people of Kansas City mark what follows:

The editor of the EAGLE, for one at least, appreciating the facts above set forth, and from them, in his own mind, determining that the chances of ever building up a common center within the bounds of Kansas, indeed, unquestionably, upon a successful effort to break the web whose continued spread was being ever strengthened by a wily and able victim; that, if Kansas ever was to enjoy the results of her own labor and the products of her own rich and boundless fields and pastures; that if Kansas would ever be permitted to reap a percentage and gather taxes from cities built by her own capital and trade, that the combination of fortuitous advantages which environed the town on the western border of Missouri, must be broken. To this end the EAGLE for months, even years, incessantly called the attention of the people of the state to the facts set forth in the opening of this article, urging them, and urging the legislature to put forth every possible effort to induce the trunk lines terminating on the Missouri river and at Kansas City to come out to the base of supplies. We urged that unless this was done, and successfully done, Kansas as a state would not only become entirely and forever tributary to Kansas City, whose overshadowing importance would not only sap the life of Lawrence, Leavenworth, Topeka, Atchinson, Ft. Scott and other old towns, but that no town in Southwest Kansas would ever reach beyond the dignity of a county seat, in which event a great per cent. of all the wealth produced by our fields, and of all the fatness turned off our pastures, and of all the profits of our trade would be poured into the coffers and for the upbuilding of a city just over the border, a city which we could in no manner control and whose wealth, although produced by us, we could not tax. To this end we not only wrote and talked, and to Mr. Gould and the Missouri Pacific management, to Mr. Edward P. Winslow, the president of the St. Louis and San Francisco, but wrote and talked upon every occasion and opportunity to the officials and magnates of the great trunk lines leading west from Chicago. Other men became interested and went to work, other newspapers commenced to talk and endorse, local companies for constructing railways were organized, the legislature not only refused to pass a maximum freight and tariff bill but did pass enactments to encourage railroad building, until the whole state of Kansas became alive to the importance of inducing the great trunk

lines to cross the river which had so long set the bounds to their progress.

It is unnecessary for the better information of either Dr. Munford or the St. Louis Post to go further into details. Suffice it to say that in spite of all the Santa Fe and all its mighty influence to prevent it, the San Francisco and the Missouri Pacific not only reached out into Kansas and, independently of Kansas City, but the Chicago and Rock Island announced that it would no longer depend upon the Missouri river as a base, but invade Kansas for herself. The first point named for such an extension was Wichita. Following these the Chicago and Northwestern, the C. B. & Q. and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, all opened negotiations looking to the same end.

This was the dawning of a new day and new hope for Kansas; but, when as another result, the Santa Fe now announces that in self protection her terminus must be carried or transferred from Kansas City to Chicago the knell of Kansas City is not only sounded but the hopes of a hundred Kansas towns are brightened and strengthened and a greater future for them assured.

Denver and Pueblo, as the editor of the Times asserts, failed as commercial cities. True. Having nothing from which to draw commensurate with their ambitions, nothing beyond a local trade to sustain them, they, of course, failed; but "Wichita's spurt" has come to plague the aspirations of the Missouri town—has come to stay.

Kansas will at least have one city of her own in Wichita, a city whose property the state can tax. Surrounded by an empire of her own, backed by a region of inestimable possibilities, and which is already supporting a hundred flourishing towns, and all tributary, naturally, to the Arkansas valley rather than to the Missouri valley; situated two hundred miles nearer the mountain mining regions than even Kansas City and right on the border of a new country as large as the state of Minnesota which but waits a single word to be occupied by hundreds of thousands of people, is planted Wichita, flourishing, growing, and reaching out in power and wealth far beyond the expectations of many of even her own most sanguine people.

Pueblo may have flunked and Denver failed, but fifty great and rich counties must not only fail, and a hundred flourishing towns go into bankruptcy before Wichita can fail. More: Kansas must fail, the Indian Territory must fail, eastern Colorado and No Man's Land, and the Pan Handle country must all fail before Wichita can even be put on the down road. Kansas City may not see and understand this, but Mr. Jay Gould does, as does the management of every trunk line now seeking to build to Wichita; and not only these but a number of Kansas City's leading capitalists who have been investing in Wichita largely and within a fortnight. True, Mr. Gould may have a friendship for the editor of the EAGLE because he has found that our representations touching the wealth of this country true, and that consequently that the Missouri Pacific's extensions are making favorable returns from Wichita, but Mr. Gould but expressed his honest convictions when he told "Gath" that Wichita would undoubtedly be the greatest city west of Kansas City. That Senator Plumb never uttered the words attributed to him we have the best of reasons for believing. No less impressed is he than Mr. Gould with the coming importance, the destiny of the metropolis of Kansas, a state for which he has done so much and loved so long.

To conclude, a reply which probably is already too long for the text, the EAGLE has but to say that while Wichita is too far removed from Kansas City and too firmly established in its prosperity to be affected by a city which has been inevitably shorn of her locks wherein lay her strength, nevertheless we do not propose that Wichita shall be placed at a disadvantage through any interview by any Kansas City man however great without our setting forth the facts on the other side as we know and understand them.

### ILLUSTRATED EDITION.

The Anthony Republican reaches us this week a thing of beauty and gorgeous with colors, illustrated and radiant. It sets out the advantages of Anthony and of Harper county, and those advantages are not only numerous but great. The Republican is congratulated upon its enterprise.

We do not believe that Wichita speculators are anticipating a harvest season from the hanging that is to take place in Sedgewick county. If there was anything in it they would have hangings three times a week.—K. C. Times.

If there is any one thing more than another that tickles us it is to see our contemporaries properly size up the spirit which animates Wichita people. The Times gets just half way up to the truth. We would make it six hangings instead of three if there was anything in it.

The Santa Fe extension from Arkansas City through the Indian Territory to Fort Worth is now completed, thirty miles out of the former city. Construction is being pushed rapidly, and by the first of May, the first of June at the furthest, the connection will be completed.—El Dorado Republican.

Which extension is unfortunate for Arkansas City.

A society has been organized in Connecticut called the "Tongue Guard," and is composed entirely of ladies. One of the rules is that each member drop a penny in a box for the poor every time she says a word against anybody.

### OLD SETTLER'S SILVER WEDDING.

To the Editor of the Eagle.

Mr. George M. Wight and Marion, his wife, came from Michigan to Kansas in 1871 and settled in Kechi township upon what is now a very fine farm. They were married in Hayne county, Michigan, twenty-five years ago. Their old neighbors from Kechi with Rev. J. C. Post and wife, with other old friends, met at the residence of Mr. Wight, corner of Main and Park street, in the city of Wichita, on the 20th of November, to do honor to the occasion. The guests selected Rev. J. C. Post to speak their good wishes and tender their

offerings of friendship. Mr. Post spoke in his usual happy manner, and was responded to by Mr. Wight in behalf of himself and wife. The whole number present, including Mr. and Mrs. Wight and their five interesting children, was fifty, among whom there were Miss Mary Brown, Miss Jennie Spaul, Mr. Lawrence Low, and Mr. Grant Wight, who presented a fine silver castor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Case, silver glass butter dish.

J. R. Gibson, a silver pickle castor.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wight, Miss Almedia and Mr. Adis Wight, silver butter dish.

H. C. Spaul and H. C. Buck and wife, silver honey dish.

Miss Opha Buck, silver honey spoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Leach, silver napkin rings.

C. O. Lee and wife, set of silver fruit knives.

R. Brown and wife and J. Emmerick, silver napkin rings.

Also a silver cake basket, silver pickle castor and butter dish, with other articles were presented by Wm. Ransom and wife, R. Jackson and wife, B. F. Loper and wife, J. W. Rochelle and wife, J. Caldwell and wife, H. Keifer and wife, M. Ritter and wife, G. Scott and wife, W. Wright and wife, Mr. Feherman and wife.

A bountiful dinner was served in fine style, which was eaten with a relish that spoke well for the holding on qualities of the Kansas pioneer. The people adjourned to meet at the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wight, all of whom agreed to hold out for the next twenty-five years to the best of their ability.

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New Republic please copy. Mr. and Mrs. Wight return their sincere thanks to their friends who honored them with their presents and presence.

LYONS, KANSAS.

To the Editor of the Eagle.

A few brief lines describing this one portion of the state may not come amiss to many of the readers of the Daily.

By a glance at the map it will be seen that Rice county is not very distant from that of Sedgewick, Reno intervening, and the county seat thereof is Lyons. And a fine little enterprising city it is, with a population of 2,000 or more, situated exactly in the center of the county,—the court house site said to be the true center. Lyons has over 100 business houses, some of which carry heavy stocks. Has telephone connections, a \$25,000 system of water works, a \$15,000 school house; a \$25,000 court house; a \$30,000 three story brick hotel, \$25,000 opera house; six church edifices and four newspapers including an evening daily. Her business men are full of pluck and enterprise. When the occasion requires extra exertion on their part, they simply put their shoulders to the wheel in one grand concerted effort, and things do move, as was fully demonstrated during the past railroad bond siege, which resulted favorably, whereby Lyons becomes the junction of five railroads inside of the next twelve months: the Santa Fe (now here), Missouri Pacific (gradually now going on), Newton & Northwestern, Kansas Midland and the Huntington system, thereby giving us direct communication with Wichita, St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans, Galveston, Memphis, Denver and intermediate points. The Missouri Pacific expects to have cars running on this line by the last of next month, and the Midland asserts that by May Wichita and Lyons will be joined by rail.

I believe that it would be good policy for the business (wholesale) men of Wichita to organize an excursion over the Missouri Pacific from Lyons and Sterling to Wichita when this line is in running order, and thereby acquaint the retail trade by personal inspection with Wichita's facilities in the wholesale line. It would undoubtedly be the quickest mode of capturing the trade of this section.

The future of Lyons is safe. Real estate at present is in a very healthy condition and offers grand bargains to investors. In the spring the boom will appear in full force and the lucky long-headed fellows who purchased lots previous thereto will realize handsomely. Some parties from Hutchinson have lately been investing quite largely in business lots here, and every day new faces are seen on our streets, strangers from Hutchinson, Newton, and other points who are after real estate. As Lyons will soon be a tributary point to Wichita, I would suggest to those wise heads who have a little spare change to quickly slip up here and try our real estate market now. The sooner you get here the better bargain you can make, for even some of the old croakers are awakening to the fact that there is money in a lot in Lyons, and even they are investing. It's the history of Wichita repeated. Two of your citizens to my knowledge are interested in lots here.

The daily EAGLE wings her flight Lyoward daily, and your correspondent passes it to his neighbors, intending to rustle for it when the Missouri Pacific comes; but at present it gets here a day or two late.

More anon (2). SNIPES.

### POPULATION OF GREAT CITIES.

The New York Journal of Commerce, in order to furnish, for reference, information on a subject often inquired about, has compiled the annexed table of the largest cities of the world, with their populations as stated by the latest publications. The table has a footnote which says:

"Many of the Chinese cities were enormously over-estimated a few years ago."

We have given the latest estimates by the best authorities, but in the absence of the official census the figures may be accepted only as an approximate calculation. It will be seen that there are thirty-five cities in the world credited with a population of above 500,000."

	Population
Aichi, Japan	1,332,000
Bangkok, Siam	500,000
Brooklyn, N. Y.	771,000
Berlin, Prussia	1,122,300
Calcutta, India	766,308
Canton, China	1,500,000
Changchoofoo, China	1,000,000
Chicago, Ill.	712,000
Constantinople, Turkey	700,000
Poo-choo, China	650,000
Glasgow, Scotland	514,048
Hankow, China	600,000
Hankow, China	800,000
Hankow, China	800,000
King-te-chang, China	500,000
Liverpool, England	573,000
London, England	3,282,819
Madrid, Spain	540,500
Moscow, Russia	611,971
New York, N. Y.	1,450,000
Paris, France	2,300,000
Peking, China	2,000,000
Peking, China	2,000,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	850,000
St. Petersburg, Russia	702,500
Sartana, Japan	682,717
Shanghai, China	1,000,000
St. Louis, Mo.	500,000
Tai-see-joo, China	500,000
Tien-tsin, China	500,000
Yokohama, Japan	287,819
Tschingtau-fu, China	1,000,000
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